COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICER INVOLVED NON - HIT SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT: Century Station

DATE: October 26, 1994

TIME: 2000 Hours

LOCATION: [redacted] Lugo Ave. Lynwood

URN #: 094-23136-2112-031

IAB #: S008363

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

Non-Hit Shooting

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Curtiss Burnett **DATE:** 12-13-94

Internal Affairs Bureau

REVIEWED BY THE FOLLOWING:

UNIT COMMANDER ____________ **DATE:** ________

AREA COMMANDER ____________ **DATE:** ________

DIVISION CHIEF ____________ **DATE:** ________

ASSISTANT SHERIFF ____________ **DATE:** ________

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call	[ ]	Observation	[X]	Search Warrant	[ ]	Arrest Warrant	[ ]

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

[redacted] **Block of Lugo Avenue, Lynwood**

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence	[ ]	Business	[ ]	Industrial	[ ]	Parking Lot	[ ]
Street	[X]	Backyard	[ ]	Freeway	[ ]	Rural	[ ]
Other	[ ]						

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
October 26, 1994	**2000 hours**	**Wednesday**

LIGHTING	WEATHER
Night time with street lights operative	**Dry**

DISTANCE

28 Feet 8 inches

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

See Investigative Summary

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	Possible
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	[X] RAID JACKET: [ ] PLAIN CLOTHES: [ ]
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	Yes
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Departmental issue
GUN IN HOLSTER:	Yes, prior to shooting
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:
See Investigative Summary

LOS ANG' ES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S D' 'ARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME VERA, Eliezer						
RANK Deputy Sheriff	EMPLOYEE NO. [redacted]	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT Century Station/Region II				
SEX Male	RACE Hispanic	HEIGHT 603	WEIGHT 225	DATE OF BIRTH [redacted]	AGE [redacted]	
DUTY STATUS On-Duty				HIRE DATE 11-23-88		
UNIFORM Yes	RAID JACKET No	PLAIN CLOTHES No	VEST Yes			
INJURED No	DECEASED No	CORONER'S CASE NO. N/A				
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES None						

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [ ] NO [X]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [ ] NO [X]

WHERE?

SUPERVISED BY:

WEAPON USED

TYPE Beretta/Model 92F/9mm/semi-automatic	AUTHORIZED Yes	
AMMUNITION TYPE 9mm, Department Issue	AUTHORIZED Yes	
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE) [redacted]	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY Three	NO. OF HITS None

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE No	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED N/A	ORDERED BY N/A

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE) [redacted]	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE) [redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
[redacted] to Present	Century Station-Lynwood	Deputy
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
493-08410-2513-055	July 4, 1993	Non-Hit Shooting (suspect involved)

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
TURNER	Anthony	P.

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
M	Black	509	150	08-11-74	20	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
No	N/A

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
Unknown

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
N/A	No

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
Unknown	

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
Unknown	

SUSPECT VEHICLE
1983 Ford, Fairmont, License #[redacted]

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)
See Exhibit E

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT
See Investigative Summary

LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
JENKINS	Cecil	M.

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
M	Black	601	160	12-21-74	19	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
No	None

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
Unknown

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
N/A	No

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
No	No

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
None	N/A

SUSPECT VEHICLE
1983 Ford, Fairmont, License #[redacted]

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

FILE #IAB S008363

The summary of this incident is based upon the reports, memos, and interviews contained in this packet. It also contains information verbally relayed to the Internal Affairs Bureau investigators by the witnesses and the involved deputy.

On October 26, 1994, Sergeants Timothy Cornell, Curtiss Burnett, and Rufus Tamayo of the Internal Affairs Bureau, along with Lieutenant Dennis Burns of the Civil Litigation Unit, responded to the [redacted] block of Lugo Avenue, Lynwood, regarding a deputy involved non-hit shooting. The involved deputy, Eliezer Vera, [redacted] gave a brief account of the incident on audio tape (Exhibit A).

Deputy Vera said that at approximately 2000 hours, he was driving northbound on Spruce St. at Lugo Avenue in search of suspects who had just "carjacked" a vehicle in the immediate vicinity. Deputy Vera had the crime information regarding the "carjacking" on his MDT monitor.

As Deputy Vera continued driving northbound on Spruce St. passing Lugo Avenue, he saw a vehicle (Tan Ford Fairmont) approaching him from the opposite direction that fit the description of the vehicle that had been "carjacked." Deputy Vera also noticed that the vehicle contained four youthful looking black males. Because Deputy Vera had information that the suspects involved in the carjacking were four black males, his attention was drawn to the vehicle.

Deputy Vera stated that when the occupants in the vehicle saw him, they all appeared to be startled by his presence. As the vehicle passed him, he also noticed that the license plate numbers were very similar to the numbers given in the crime broadcast. Based on his observation, he quickly backed his radio car into a driveway and turned to follow the vehicle. Deputy Vera said the driver of the vehicle suddenly made a left turn from Spruce St. to eastbound Lugo Avenue and began to drive slow as if he were going to stop.

As Deputy Vera began to turn onto Lugo Avenue behind the suspect vehicle, he noticed that all four doors suddenly opened on the vehicle. When he saw a muzzle flash and heard a gunshot come from the direction of the suspect vehicle, he stopped his vehicle so he could return fire. Before he could exit his vehicle and take cover, he heard another shot come from the direction of the suspect vehicle. At that point, he exited his radio car, crouched behind the driver's door, and fired two or three rounds in the direction of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Vera then noticed that all of the suspects from the vehicle were running toward him and that the left rear passenger, later identified as suspect Turner, had a gun in his hand. As suspect Turner continued running toward him, Deputy Vera said that Turner either dropped or tossed the gun on the street near his radio car (See Exhibit C).

Deputy Vera also noticed that one of the suspects who jumped from the right side of the vehicle was holding a gun in his hand. Deputy Vera said that as the four suspects ran toward him, Suspect Turner and two of the suspects suddenly changed directions and ran northbound through a yard at [redacted] Lugo Avenue, while the other suspect ran southbound through a yard at [redacted] Lugo Avenue.

Deputy Vera said he ran a short distance after suspect Turner and the two suspects with him, but decided to stop when he felt it was unsafe to continue. Deputy Vera said he chose to remain behind a van (that was parked in the driveway of the house the suspects ran behind) for his safety and also to see if he could see where the suspects had run. Although he could no longer see the suspects, he heard noises as if the suspects were climbing a rear fence and continuing northbound. When he moved to a second van in the driveway to gain a better view, he saw one of the suspects go over a wall and continue running northbound. Deputy Vera said he then relayed this information to his assisting units and set up a containment of the area.

As a result of the containment, suspect Turner was located and detained. Deputy Vera responded to suspect Turner's location and identified suspect Turner as the left rear passenger who tossed or dropped the handgun near his radio car. Shortly thereafter, suspect Jenkins was located and detained. Deputy Vera responded to his location and identified him as one of the two passengers who jumped from the right side of the suspect vehicle.

> IAB Note: Deputy Vera stated that prior to going on duty, the magazine in his weapon contained fifteen rounds along with an additional round that he had placed in the chamber. Lieutenant Willie Henderson, [redacted], examined Deputy Vera's weapon at the scene and discovered that the magazine contained thirteen rounds. Although an extensive search was conducted by the handling detectives along with the IAB investigators, only one expended shell casing was located from Deputy Vera's weapon.

Witness [redacted], who resides at [redacted] said she heard two shots while sitting in her kitchen at the time the incident occurred. When she responded to her window to see what had occurred, she did not see anything.

> IAB Note: The window that [redacted] looked out faces [redacted] while the incident happened on [redacted]

Witness [redacted], who resides at [redacted] said she heard what she thought were gunshots, but her [redacted] told her that what she heard was firecrackers. Witness [redacted] said that no one in her home saw the incident.

Witness [redacted], who resides at [redacted] said he was standing outside by his pickup when he saw two cop cars drive by. Shortly thereafter, he saw a "Nova" (which he mistakenly called the suspect vehicle) turn onto Lugo Avenue with all of the doors open. Three black guys jumped out of the car and started to run. The driver of the "Nova" had a gun and was attempting to place it on the ground. As the driver placed the gun on the ground, the gun fired. Witness [redacted] said two of the black guys ran northbound through the houses and one ran southbound. Witness [redacted] said he heard a total of four shots. Witness [redacted] said he did not see any of the suspects well enough to identify them.

Witness [redacted], who was also in the residence at [redacted] said he did not see the incident, but he heard two shots.

Witness [redacted] who resides at [redacted] said she heard two shots and subsequently heard a noise as if someone were climbing the wrought iron fence that runs along the side of her house.

Witness [redacted], who resides at [redacted] said he was in his residence at the time of the incident and did not see it, however, he heard three or four shots.

Witness [redacted], who resides at [redacted] said that while watching TV in his living room, he heard two gun shots. He subsequently learned that the police were searching for someone in the area.

See accompanying photos (Exhibit D) regarding the crime scene and recovered evidence.